

966,000). c. Section 68.224 Equipment packaging. Section 68.224(a) requires a notice to be contained on the surface of the packaging of a non-hearing aid compatible telephone that the telephone contained therein is not hearing aid compatible, as defined in Sections 68.4(a)(3) and 68.316, or if offered for sale without a surrounding package, shall be fixed with a written statement that the telephone is not hearing aid-compatible, as defined by sections 68.4(a)(3) and 68.316. Section 68.224(b) also requires that the telephone equipment be accompanied by instructions in accordance with § 68.218(b)(5) of the rules. (No. of respondents: 1100; hours per respondent: 11.36; total annual burden: 12,500 hours). The collections are third party disclosure requirements. They are useful primarily to consumers who purchase and or use telephone equipment to determine whether the telephone is hearing aid compatible. Obligation to respond: Mandatory.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0859.

Expiration Date: 8/31/99.

Title: Suggested Guidelines for Petitions for Ruling Under Section 253 of the Communications Act.

Form No.: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 80 respondents; 78.5 hours per response (avg.); 6280 total annual burden hours for all collections.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Description: Section 253 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended requires the Commission, with certain important exceptions, to preempt the enforcement of any state or local statute or regulation, or other state or local legal requirement (to the extent necessary) that prohibits or has the effect prohibiting the ability of any entity to provide any interstate or intrastate telecommunications service. The Commission's consideration of preemption begins with the filing of a petition by an aggrieved party. The petition is placed on public notice and commented on by others. The Commission issued a Public Notice that establishes guidelines relating to its consideration of preemption petitions. The Commission expects petitioners and commenters to provide it with relevant information sufficient to describe the legal regime involved in the controversy and to establish the factual basis necessary for decision. Factual assertions should be supported by credible evidence, including affidavits,

and, where appropriate, studies or other descriptions of the economic effects flowing from the legal requirement that is the subject of the petition. The Commission identifies specific issues that petitioners are expected to include when addressing whether a legal requirement materially inhibits or limits the ability of any competitor or potential competitor to compete in a fair and balanced legal and regulatory environment in a particular market. The Commission will use the information to discharge its statutory mandate relating to the preemption of state or local statutes or other state or local legal requirements. Obligation to comply: Voluntary. Public reporting burden for the collections of information is as noted above. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collections of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Notice of Agency Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Board of Directors will meet in open session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 3, 1999, to consider the following matters:

Summary Agenda: No substantive discussions of the following items is anticipated. These matters will be resolved with a single vote unless a member of the Board of Directors requests that an item be moved to the discussion agenda.

Disposition of minutes of previous Board of Directors' meetings.
Summary reports, status reports, and reports of actions taken pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors.

Memorandum and resolution re: Revisions to Interagency Branch Closing Policy Statement.

Discussion Agenda:

Memorandum re: Interim Rule—Asset and Liability Backup Program.

The meeting will be held in the Board Room on the sixth floor of the FDIC

Building located at 550-17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The FDIC will provide attendees with auxiliary aids (e.g., sign language interpretation) required for this meeting. Those attendees needing such assistance should call (202) 416-2449 (Voice); (202) 416-2004 (TTY), to make necessary arrangements.

Requests for further information concerning the meeting may be directed to Mr. Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary of the Corporation, at (202) 898-6757.

Dated: May 27, 1999.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,
Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than June 25, 1999.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
(Philip Jackson, Applications Officer)
230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1413: